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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7679

BILL NUMBER: HB 1292

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 4, 2005

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Underground Sewerage Facilities.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Whetstone

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill allows an operator of a sewerage facility, other than a municipally owned sewer utility, to record with the county recorder of each county in which the operator's facilities are located a map identifying the areas in the county in which the operator's facilities are located. It prohibits the Underground Plant Protection Service from charging a fee for providing notice of a proposed excavation or demolition if: (1) the notice is provided to an operator that has recorded maps of the operator's sewerage utilities; and (2) the area of the proposed excavation or demolition is not identified on any of the maps.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *County Recorders:* The provisions in this bill are not expected to have a significant impact on the administrative burden of county recorders' offices.

Background Information: As of August 31, 2004, all operators of underground utility facilities are required to become members of the Indiana Underground Plant Protection Service (IUPPS). The nonprofit service is administered by member operators of underground utility facilities and acts as a notification clearinghouse between excavators and member underground facility operators. Approximately 685 utility services operating in Indiana are members of the IUPPS, of which 347 are not municipally owned.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: County Recorders.

Information Sources: Indiana Underground Plant Protection Service, www.iupps.org.

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